

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraphs in the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS upon acceptance of Proposed Figures 7 and 8 by the Examiner:

Please add the following paragraphs beginning on pg. 4, line 17:

B1 FIG. 7 is a front perspective view of an alternate embodiment of the saw blade package and carrying case showing dividers in between the saw blades and a cotter pin retaining an unthreaded spindle.

FIG. 8 is a front perspective view of an alternate embodiment of the saw blade package and carrying case showing square-shaped front and rear members.

B2 Please replace the following paragraphs in the DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS upon acceptance of Proposed Figures 7 and 8 by the Examiner:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on pg. 6, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

B3 Note that in other embodiments the orientation of the spindle and spindle receptacle may be reversed. The head may be welded to the central crossbar of the front member, and the spindle receptacle may be attached to the central cross bar of the rear member. Moreover, the spindle receptacle may be located above the central crossbar. Although the preferred embodiment of the package and carry case includes a threaded spindle, such as a screw, and a threaded spindle receptacle, in other embodiments other configurations for attachment may be used. By way of example, an unthreaded receptacle may receive an unthreaded spindle. A fastener such as a cotter pin (34) can then retain the unthreaded spindle (36) in place by passing through aligned openings in the receptacle and spindle, as illustrated in Fig. 7. In such a configuration, to allow for the adjustability described above, the fastener may be attached at various positions along the spindle.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on pg. 7, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

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Preferably, the package and carry case will be available for purchase in retail establishments with saw blades retained therein, although the package and carry case may also be available for purchase without saw blades. Alternatively, the package and carry case may be utilized as a display, with saw blades being removed for individual purchase or usage. In an additional embodiment, the package and carry case may include dividers (38) placed between the blades in order to provide additional protection to the teeth of the blades, as illustrated in Fig. 7. The dividers (38) may be incorporated into the package and carry case via the configurations described above (i.e., a spindle, flanges, etc.). Preferably, the dividers (38) are round, corrugated pieces of cardboard that are placed between the blades so that the teeth of the blades do not contact each other, although in other embodiments the dividers (38) may be made of other materials, such as plastics, and may be otherwise shaped.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on pg. 9, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

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Alternate embodiments are also possible without departing from the scope of the present invention. For example, either or both the panel and the handle member may be placed on the rear member of the package and carry case. Furthermore, although the preferred embodiment includes circularly-shaped front and rear members, in other embodiments the front and rear members may be shaped differently, such as, by way of example, square-shaped (40) as shown in Fig. 8, hexagonally shaped, etc. In addition, other materials may be used to manufacture the package and carry case. Examples of other suitable materials include, but are not limited to, other metals or heavy plastics.